

No On Expansion

University of Portland fall into conflict over institution expansion



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Sista Power

The Women of Def Comedy Jam are coming to the "Rose City" to laugh you out of your seat.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Yankees Win

The New York Yankees were victorious in the World Series game against the San Diego Padres. This is their 24th championship. The city threw a ticker tape parade for the winning team. Yankee player, Scott Brosius received the MVP award.

Head Start Bill

President Clinton recently signed a new bill that would increase federal spending on Head Start, a national pre-school program. As part of a packaged bill, an "Individual Development Accounts" program costing \$125 million would help 50,000 low income families buy their first home, pay for college or start-up a business.

Yeltsin In Sanatorium

Russian President Boris Yeltsin checked into a sanatorium because he was suffering from Asthenia (lack of physical strength). His blood pressure is also unstable. Yeltsin was unable to meet with European leaders and international lenders in Austria. Other travels and meetings Malaysia and Central Asia were cancelled for health reasons.

Peru And Ecuador

Peru and Ecuador signed a peace agreement that ended a border disagreement that had lasted nearly 60 years and caused three wars between them. The dispute centered on a remote jungle area called Tiwitza, a 48-mile section of the Andean foothills.

Apartheid Victims

Government officials announced that apartheid victims received the first emergency payments of \$350 to help atone for the crimes of the past. A panel called the Truth and Reconciliation Commission devised the compensation plan

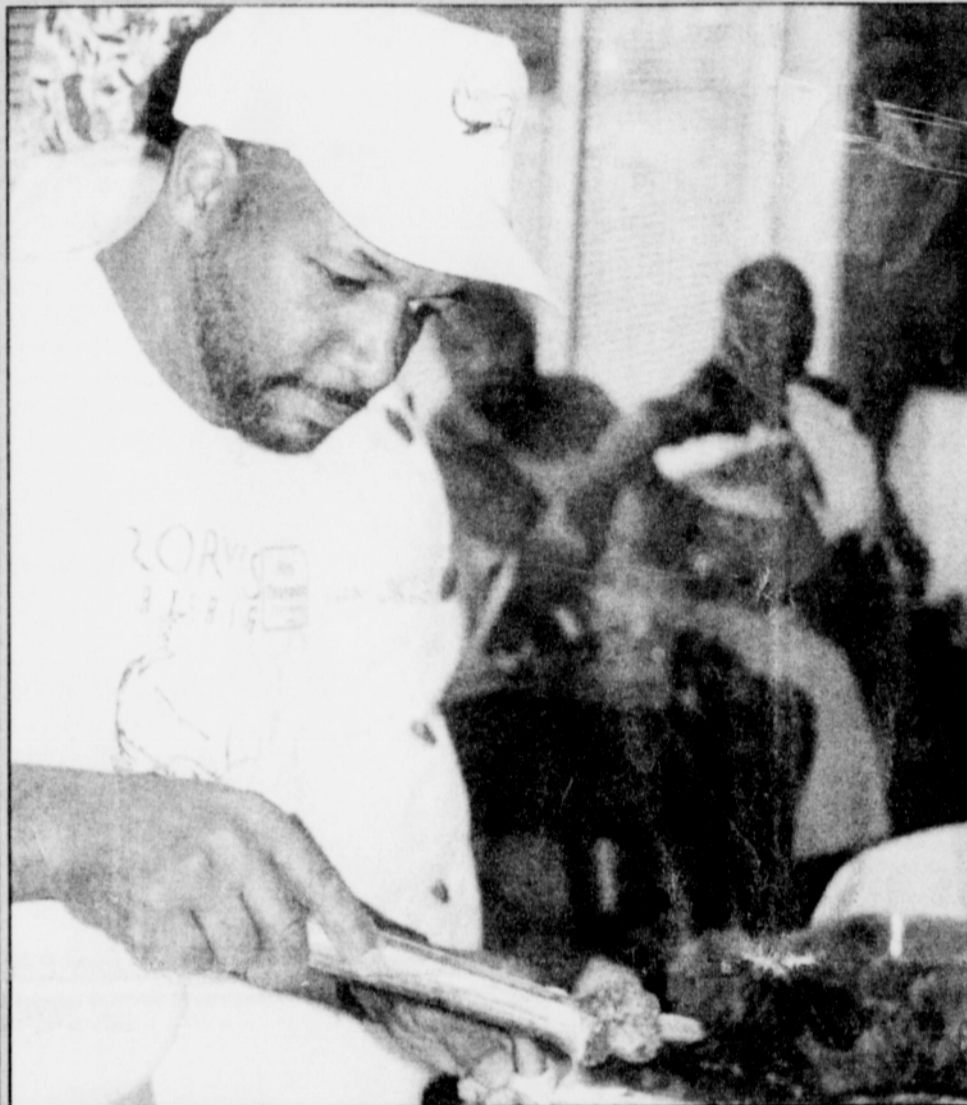
Measure 59

Measure 59 prohibits using public resources like the city's payroll deduction to collect money for political purposes and charitable causes. Bill Sizemore was responsible for creating Measure 59. Currently, 4,700 state employees contribute to charities through payroll deductions.

Prisons Ban Porno

The Oregon Department of Corrections recently banned prisoners from having sexually explicit material or sending sexually suggestive mailings. This administrative ruling was proposed to prevent rape within the institutions and protect the general public from sexual predators.

S.E.I., Incorporated Host 3rd Annual African American Wellness Conference



Rory Thompson of Rory's Catering shares his healthy delights with participants of the Annual Wellness Conference.

American Diabetes & Neighborhood Health Clinics as, a part of, the 3rd Annual African American Wellness Conference Sponsored the "Soul Food Cook-off" - 14 Restaurants along with (25) judges (participated) in the event. Doris' Cafe came out the victor.



Tony Hopson, President of S.E.I. Incorp. accompanied by Angela Brown, enjoy dishes from the "Soul food" cook-off. (Photos by M.Washington)

Local Student Spends Semester Abroad... Without Ever Leaving The United States



Biosphere 2

Kathleen Coletti of Portland, Oregon, is learning that college courses can entail much more than just sitting in lectures and cracking the books. This semester Coletti is studying in a "semester abroad" program - right here in the United States. She is taking a progressive and interactive course known as EARTH SEMESTER at Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center.

Nestled in the foothills of the Catalina Mountains, the beautiful 250-acre Biosphere campus is located just 30 minutes by car from Tucson in Oracle, Arizona. The centerpiece of the campus is "Biosphere 2," a 204,000 cubic meter enclosed glass and space frame structure that houses

several of Earth's ecosystems in miniature. Among the seven ecosystems housed in the Biosphere 2 research facility are a rainforest, a desert and a 900,000-gallon ocean - the largest research ocean of its kind in the world. Scientists who work inside the Biosphere 2 research facility can evaluate and adjust the internal environment to enable various research projects geared to help us better understand our complex Earth and environment. According to Dr.

William Harris, the president and executive director of Biosphere 2 Center, the goal of Biosphere 2 is to help us learn how to better manage our planet, especially its atmosphere.

As a student and beginning researcher at the Biosphere 2 Center, along with almost 50 other students, Coletti engages in hands-on research and field exploration and participates in team-taught, cross-disciplinary classes led by scientists specializing in fields ranging from biology to geology to socio-economics.

According to Coletti, who is a History and English student at Barnard College, "The classes here have given me practical field experience and the ability to understand the differing opinions and responses to the research results." Dr. Harris says, "Biosphere 2 is a unique experience for anyone interested in global management and the environment. By simulating con-

ditions that scientists expect to see on Earth within the next century, students get to be a part of ground-breaking research." When not engaged in research or



Kathleen Coletti

coursework, students participate in a number of exceptional recreational activities on campus and the surrounding area, including hiking picturesque trails, swimming, volleyball or just hanging out with friends in living quarters equipped with modern kitchen.

Columbia University offers both a spring and fall semester at the Biosphere 2 Center, as well as two summer sessions. The spring and fall semester are primarily geared toward undergraduates, although some high school graduating seniors have gone through the program. The students receive 16 credits from Columbia University for the semester, which can be transferred to their college. The various summer programs are open to both college and high school students. Scholarships are available.

To find out more about the courses available at Biosphere 2 Center or to receive an enrollment application, please contact the Student Recruitment and Admissions Department at Biosphere 2 Center, 32540 South Biosphere Road, P.O. Box 689, Oracle, AZ 85623, 1.800.992.4603.